

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Add the following paragraph before the paragraph beginning on page 1, after line 5:

--This is a divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 09/415,169, filed on October 8, 1999.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--In this case, since the provider wants the sample to be tried by as many as users and clients, it is desirable that the sample can be replayed by personal computers connected to the Internet as the hardware. Note that in some cases, the provider may want to control the distribution and replay of the sample to some extent, so that the content of the sample is assumed to be encrypted.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 44, line 21, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Note that the control information decryption unit 2145 includes the function of the C1 content decryption controller 1146. The control information decryption unit 2145 judges whether the C1 content 30 can be decrypted with reference to the C1 decryption condition information 23 in the control information 20. When judging that the C1 content 30 can be decrypted, the control information decryption unit 2145 performs the accounting operation with reference to the C1 accounting information 24, supplies the CF1 key to the C1 content decryption unit 1147, and gives the C1 content decryption unit 1147 a decryption instruction. The control information decryption unit 2145 further includes the function of the C2 content decryption controller 1216. The control information decryption unit 2145 judges whether the C2

content 40 can be decrypted with reference to the C decryption condition information 27 in the control information 20. When judging the C2 content 40 can be decrypted, the control information decryption unit 2145 performs the accounting operation with reference to the C2 accounting information 28, supplies the C2 key and the control use information in the control information 20 to the authentication encryption unit 2149. The accounting operation is the same as in the first embodiment, so that the detailed explanation will not be given here.--